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FRENCH UNIONS END STRIKE



PRICE CONTROL TRAIN: New York City tenants and consumers, 500 strong, assembled at Penn Station at 7 a.m. yesterday for the Price and Rent Control Train en route to Washington. Representatives from tenant, consumer, women, veterans, American and civic groups will meet Congressional leaders to demand "Price Control by Xmas."

Daily Worker Photo by Peter

PARTISANS MARCH:

Delegates to Italy's National Association of Partisans parade. Their sign, translated, says "We Demand Partisans in the Government."



Plan Regrouping For New Actions

BULLETIN

The French working class returned to work "in order to regroup its forces in the face of a temporary superior enemy," the Daily Worker was told via overseas phone by *L'Humanite*, paper of the French Communist Party.

The back-to-work order gave high praise to the "courage and tenacity" of the French unions, *L'Humanite* stated. It said that the workers have no intention of giving up their just demands, and have proved they know how to fight for them, it stated. The paper stressed the aid which French reaction was given by forces the country, especially by the agents of the Marshall Plan.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The French General Confederation of Labor today ended the strike of 3,000,000 workers which had lasted for more than four weeks. In a statement to the unionists, the CGT executive and the National Strike Committee congratulated the workers for standing firm, and attacked the government for its strikebreaking activities.

The only concession won by the strikers from the anti-Communist government was a \$12.60 bonus living allowance retroactive to Nov. 24.

The CGT told the 3,000,000 strikers they had shown "an example of courage and tenacity. Against you they (the anti-working class government) have employed all the means that reaction could put into effect. The police and army have been pitted against you. Thousands of injured and some dead must be written against the account of the government and its Minister of Interior, Jules Moch."

More than 240,000 soldiers were called up by Premier Schuman to break the strike, along with all the state's police forces and the Socialist allies of the government in the unions.

ADA Leader Says De Gaulle Not So Bad

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A spokesman for Americans for Democratic Action told the press today that De Gaulle might not be "too bad."

The spokesman was Elmer Davis, former OWI director, and one of the signers of ADA's foreign policy program, which was released today at a luncheon arranged by that organization.

The program is an elaborate, 43-page Social-Demo-
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Rally Today at Noon to Aid Europe Unions

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Textile Union Rank-Fileers Sweep 2 Polls

Special to the Daily Worker.

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 9.—Rank and File candidates, purged by Textile Workers of America officials for refusing to sign Taft-Hartley affidavits, waged a sticker campaign and won by overwhelming majorities in the first two local elections here.

The result was a stinging defeat for Henry Kullas, TWA director, who was sent into this area to purge it of "communism."

Kullas' formula was a special letter to each of some 275 stewards, joint board delegates, executive board members and local officials of New Bedford's locals ordering them to turn in Taft-Hartley affidavits within five days or be removed from office.

Those who refused to file were

Say Soviets to End Rationing By Dec. 31

The Soviet Union intends to end its rationing system, in force since the Nazi invasion in 1941, by Dec. 31. A United Press dispatch from Moscow yesterday reported the move when it carried excerpts from an article by G. M. Malenkov, member of the Soviet Community Party Political Bureau published in the second issue of the official bulletin of the Information Bureau of the nine European Communist Parties.

The article in the second issue of the four-language magazine, published in Belgrade Dec. 1, gave the lie to the U. S. State Department's story on "panic buying" in the Soviet Union.

Malenkov said, according to the UP story, that successes in agriculture were "creating conditions for the abolition of the card (ration) system in Russia in the course of this year."

The Soviet Union is preparing to meet the Truman-Marshall worldwide anti-Communist campaign with determined counterattack, Malenkov said, according to UP.

The Community Party must "test its proved weapons in battle against the business men of bourgeois politics in the present international struggle," Malenkov was quoted as saying.

Malenkov reported in his article that the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party was drawing up a new program of rules which would tighten entrance requirements and discipline and which would accept the necessity for political education.

PARTY AT 6,300,000

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disqualified in nominations for local office that came a week later.

A sticker campaign in the Hathaway Mill gave purged Manuel Caetano 149 votes for the Local's presidency to only 21 and 18 for his two rivals. Similarly, Mrs. Palmeda Crosby was elected secretary-treasurer with 154 votes to 27 for her rival.

The entire rank and file slate for other posts and delegates to the CIO's state convention, was elected.

At the Nashawena Mill, John S. Gonsalves, who was purged by Kullas, ran on stickers and won reelection to the executive board. Others in the local who signed anti-Communist affidavits, but continued to fight Kullas, won the chairmanship of the local with 221 votes against 104 for his nearest rival. The others on the ticket with Gonsalves won with comparable majorities.

DEMAND KULLAS' OUSTER

The voters in the two locals are only an indication of the sentiment among the 15,000 TWA members here. The rest of the locals are expected to reflect a similar election result. Thousands of textile workers signed petitions forwarded to the union's International office in New York, demanding Kullas' removal.

He is also charged with demanding affidavits not required under the Taft-Hartley Law and with deliberately setting on Oct. 17 a deadline for them, two weeks in advance of that set by the NLRB.

The petitions were circulated in the mills in face of Kullas' pleas to employers to stop them in the shops.

Rank and file leaders are still waiting to hear from the top officers in New York on their appeal.

Postpone Rome General Strike

ROME, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Chamber of Labor today postponed for at least 24 hours a general strike scheduled to begin in Rome at midnight tonight.

The labor organization's decision had promised the midnight walkout unless the government granted Christmas bonuses for the unemployed, started a public works program, and punished police and government officials responsible for police action against demonstrators.

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Chanukah in New Home: Abraham Krengel, 8, who recently arrived here from a German displaced persons camp, lights the symbolic candles at services in New York which recall the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom for over 2,000 years. Palestine partition gives added significance to this year's services.

Long Beach Drivers Get Loan of 3 More Buses

By Gerald Cook

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Their fleet of seven busses augmented by the loan of three shiny vehicles, drivers of Long Beach's defunct bus lines today continued providing near normal service to 4,500 commuters and 1,500 school children.

Members of Local 252, Transport Workers Union, CIO, the 20 drivers and nine maintenance men have been working without pay since Friday when they were fired by the Long Beach Bus Co., which announced it was folding up.

The three busses were borrowed from Joseph Stern, a Long Island bus operator, to replace the three seized yesterday by Nassau County Sheriff H. Alfred Zollner, acting for the South Shore Trust Co. The bank claims the bus company defaulted on notes.

Stern, said to one of the six operators bidding for the Long Beach franchise, promised delivery tomorrow of two additional busses.

Gordon Barrager, Local 252 president, said the drivers were confident they could hold out until a new company takes over.

ACT TONIGHT

The City Council opened negotiations today with several companies. Acting City Manager Morris Carp announced a special council meeting for tonight (Wednesday) to authorize operation of the line by one of the companies.

The CIO members' actions in commandeering the defunct bus company vehicles has the enthusiastic support of the public and the City Council. The Police Department is providing guards for equipment and vehicles which are kept in a municipal parking lot.

Ironically, operation of the busses by the workers who refused to be fired is responsible for the fact that the Public Service Commission and

the city officials are taking no court action against the company.

In announcing suspension of operation Friday, the company ignored a PSC order to give 30 days notice.

Hergus Magee, a former chief inspector for the line, and now acting bookkeeper for the volunteer drivers, said fares for the first four days of volunteer operation amounted to \$544.90. Gas and oil operating expenses amounted to \$168.03. The balance, \$376.87, has been deposited in the bus company's account in the Long Beach branch of the National City Bank.

Barrager said he had been assured the drivers and maintenance men now working would be put on the payroll of the bus line that takes over the franchises. City Council officials expected the line to be under new operation by Friday.

Braggs He Barred Export to USSR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Chairman Ross Rizley reported today his special house subcommittee had blocked shipment to Russia of more than \$20,000,000 worth of diesel engines, steel pipe and other scarce materials.

The Oklahoma Republican said the equipment, already crated and addressed to the Soviet Union, was found in surplus property depots of the War Assets Administration in New York and Ohio.

Oil Tanker Breaks In Two at Boston Shipyard; 14 Injured

BOSTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The \$4,000,000 former Navy tanker Ponaganset split in half at an East Boston repair slip today, injuring 14 workmen, and officials believed it would be a total loss. Gun turrets and other wartime fixtures were being removed to convert the vessel into a coastal oil carrier to help relieve the New England oil shortage.

Contraction of steel structures due to cold weather was believed to have caused the tanker to break in two. Richard Louis and Frank Cordua, both of Brooklyn, engineers aboard the ship, said it was free of oil fumes. They were below decks, but escaped injury.

The stern dropped backward into the harbor and the bow plunged forward. Another 161 workmen were knocked off their feet but escaped injury.

Only the fact that none of the men were working directly at the spot where the break occurred prevented fatalities, officials said. Most severely injured was Paul

Donato, 39, of Somerville, a boss welder and father of two children who slid down one section of the slanting deck and plunged into a bow hold. At first feared missing, he finally was found unconscious by searching details.

Thirteen others sustained back, leg, head and arms injuries.

Capital Notes

Hoof in Mouth?

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

THE DREAD hoof-and-mouth disease threatening America's cattle is communistic. You may think this is a typographical error; that we wanted to say communicable.

So, you're wrong. The disease is certainly highly communicable, but it is also communistic.

Here is the way America is learning this important political fact:

Down in Mexico, hoof-and-mouth disease has been spreading. American cattle experts are worried stiff it will cross the Rio Grande and are trying to check it with the help of the Mexican government.

The checking process consists of slaughtering the diseased animals. The Mexican peasants, who are not very rich in cattle, are stubborn about having their animals slaughtered, so stubborn they have even shot up a few government men.

SINCE ALL THIS is taking place somewhere on the earth's surface, a congressional committee is, naturally, holding hearings on it.

Isn't it a fact, Rep. Eugene Weyly of Texas asked an Agricultural Department expert, that Communists are dissuading the Mexican peasants from surrendering their cattle?

The expert, B. T. Simms, knows his way around Washington, and so he obliged.

"We realize," he said, "that the opposition has had the backing of some organization."

Any day now, you will see neatly inserted in a New York Times editorial the matter-of-fact, unchallengeable statement: "Communists are killing our cattle."

This will make it official. Henceforth it will be the law of the land and part of American speech.

Shades of Victor Riesel and the Protocols of Zion! Is there nothing new under the sun?

SPEAKING OF COMMUNISTS —and no one around here does much of anything else—we were interested in Milton Howard's column last week about Heptisax, the Herald Tribune's Sunday puncher.

Howard described how Heptisax proposed to save the Bill of Rights and still get rid of the Communists. Just pass a law saying the Bill of Rights does not apply to Communists!

It turns out Heptisax was cribbing. Such a bill has already been introduced by Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, California Republican windbag.

McDonough's bill "defines" communism as "not a political philosophy, but an international conspiracy and an atheistic and an anti-religious ideology which advocates, etc., etc., etc." Anyone "actively practicing communism" would be treated as a traitor.

McDonough explained to the House his bill was not "thought control" because you are still allowed to think Communist thoughts. It is the "practice" of communism which he would declare traitorous.

Wonder why he's gunning for the primitive redskins in this day and age? They're about the only ones likely to be "practicing communism" around here.

City College Bans Communist Speaker, Uses Clark Purge List

By Louise Mitchell

New York City College yesterday invoked Attorney General Clark's "subversive" list to ban Arnold Johnson, Communist national legislative director, from speaking Thursday before the campus Marxist Cultural Society.

The ban was based on a directive drawn up yesterday afternoon by Dean of Administration John Theobald, to administrative officers of the Department of Student Life, Deans Daniel Brophy and S. L. Crawley.

Setting his own precedent, Dean Theobald recommended that "no college facility or privilege shall be granted to any outside individual or group specifically identified with the Communist Party."

The Dean admitted in his letter he was acting on his own as chairman of the Student Affairs Forum and that final decision "was subject to the committee's approval at its next meeting." The Committee referred to is the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.

USE PURGE LIST

Lester M. Nichols, director of public relations at City College, told the Daily Worker, officials refused to permit any Communist spokesman on the campus on the ground that the Justice Department listed the organization as "subversive."

The decision to use Attorney General Tom Clark's list of alleged subversives which was issued last Thursday was the first of its kind to date in the city. It represented the second infringement of academic freedom within a week. Author Howard Fast was banned from Columbia University last Thursday on a technicality, but actually because of the University's capitulation to the threatened witch-hunt of education.

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Wreckage in Jerusalem: Police inspect remains of business places in Jerusalem after outbreak of rioting, looting and burning. Jewish and Arab groups watched on the sidelines.

Haganah Repulses Attack by Arabs

TEL AVIV, Palestine, Dec. 9.—The Jewish Haganah repulsed an Arab attack on Tel Aviv yesterday. Seventy Arabs were reported to have been killed in the clash. Haganah reported the attack was the first planned operation carried out by uniformed Arabs since the UN partition was announced.

SURPRISE ATTACK

The Arabs poured heavy automatic fire on Haganah positions from orange groves north of an area that became no man's land while other Arabs in uniform, numbering up to 800, crept through the groves to the east in a surprise attack on Jewish homes.

Haganah opened fire after the Arabs set fire to three huts.

Joseph Teitelbaum, Intelligence Officer of the Jewish Haganah, was shot dead Tuesday in an Arab ambush similar to that in which

UN Council Stalls Partition Study

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Dec. 9 (UPI).—The United Nations Security Council tonight postponed indefinitely a study of its role in enforcing partition of Palestine after accepting the requests of Egypt and Lebanon to join the debate when the matter is taken up.

The suggestion to put off debate at this time was made by the United States.

The council merely acknowledged receipt of the General Assembly resolution to set up independent Jewish and Arab states in Palestine by Oct. 1.

500 Packages of Poisoned Mint Leaves Shipped in Error

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 9.—A drug firm warned retailers and consumers in nine states today that 500 packages of peppermint leaves it had distributed by mistake contain a dangerous poison. Allaire Woodward & Co. said the poisoned packages were distributed

in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania, and possibly in adjoining states.

The company said the peppermint leaves contained "a potent drug in an amount to cause severe poisoning or even death." No deaths had been reported, however.

The firm said that part of the shipment had been recovered after government chemists reported it contained poison. About 500 one-ounce packages, however, are still in the hands of retailers or con-

sumers, the company said.

It warned users to destroy the contents or return the packages to the company.

The firm said there were two distinguishing marks on the poisoned packages. They were 88-0, L-46 and the numbers 33444.

Labels on the packages read:

"Loose pressed peppermint leaves. Mintpiperine not USP, different from the USP in that it is peppermint leaves only, while the USP consists of leaves and tops of peppermint."

Josephson Conviction Upheld, 2-1

By a two to one decision the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday sustained the conviction of Leon Josephson, Communist attorney, who refused to testify before a subcommittee of the House Un-American Committee last March.

Judge Clark dissented. Judges Swan and Chase affirmed the trial jury's verdict and the sentence for one year that followed.

In his dissenting opinion, Judge Clark charged that the resolution empowering the Un-American Committee to act was "dangerously vague." He also pointed out that the resolution failed to define the terms "un-American" and "subversive" thus making the committee's actions unconstitutional. Calling for the dismissal of the indictment against Josephson, Judge Clark called the issue "one of the more momentous which has come before us."

Josephson stood in his constitutional rights, when he refused to talk before the Thomas-Rankin committee inquisitors. A devoted anti-fascist, he had taken an active part in the underground work against Hitler in Europe before the Second World War began.

He was one of the first three American anti-fascists to refuse to bow to the Un-American Committee. The other two were Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, and Gerhart Eisler, German Communist. Each was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. Both appealed their cases.

Conviction of 16 members of the

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee followed later. Eleven were sentenced to four months' imprisonment. Indictments of 10 Hollywood film men, who refused to testify before the committee, came recently.

Reich Jurists Hit Freeing of Nazi

STUTTGART, Germany, Dec. 9 (UPI).—The denazification minister of Wurttemberg-Baden resigned and his entire denazification court struck today in protest against acquittal by a U.S. war crimes court of Hermann Cohorst, one-time Nazi special court judge here.

Cohorst was exonerated of war crimes charges in Nuremberg last Thursday and was reportedly given safe passage to the French zone.

Today Denazification Minister Gottlob Kamm told Reinhold Maier, Minister-President of Wurttemberg-Baden he could not "go on trying little block leaders (Nazi cell leaders) while the man who was responsible for hundreds of death sentences against anti-nazis was being sent to safety in another zone."

MAYOR GETS LETTERS HITTING FAIR-HIKE PLAN

Mayor O'Dwyer yesterday revealed that he has received so far at City Hall a total of 63 communications reacting to his radio talk last Friday, which proposed an 8-cent fare and a program of increased State aid. Of these, 32 letters and telegrams opposed any increase in the fare. Among these were wires signed by 73 persons.

Only nine letters supported the Mayor's plans for a fare rise and increased State aid and four letters urged a straight 10-cent fare. Here is the breakdown of the communications:

Nine letters supporting the Mayor's plans for a fare rise and

No Final Vote Yet on Aid Bill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The House today ground through five hours of debate on its version of the foreign subsidies bill and a final vote was blocked for the second day. Seven attempts to amend the measure were turned back, and one provisionally adopted.

The only measure approved was a revision of an amendment offered by Rep. Francis Case (R-SD). It provides that no purchases made in behalf of the political purposes of the bill shall be made at higher prices than those prevailing on the market, except in the case of Commodity Credit Corp. purchases to bolster market prices.

The Case measure would amend another amendment introduced by Rep. John M. Vorys (R-O), which defines methods to be used in purchase of commodities.

Urges Justice Dep't Expose Fuel Trust

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UPI).—Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D-Mass.) called on attorney general Tom C. Clark today to expose a "vicious price-fixing monopoly" which he said was responsible for the fuel shortage in New England.

NOON RALLY TODAY TO AID EUROPE UNIONS

A noon-hour rally to support the embattled labor movement of France, Italy and Greece has been set for today (Wednesday) at 39 St. and Seventh Ave., the New York State Committee of the Communist Party announces.

The Communist statement urged all progressives to demonstrate for

the twin policy of feeding America through price rollbacks, price controls and wage increases, and of feeding Europe through UN-administered aid.

"Death is the bitter fruit of the Truman-Marshall Plans of Wall Street," the statement declared. "European workers can be helped only by a non-partisan aid plan

administered through a United Nations Committee."

Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Councilman-designate Simon W. Gerson CP National Committee member Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Daily Worker editor John Gates will speak at the rally. New York State Communist chairman Robert Thompson will preside.

Democratic Chiefs Stall On Seating of Gerson

By Michael Singer

Democratic leaders will not act until after Jan. 1 on the seating of Simon W. Gerson, designee to the City Council place left vacant by the death of Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, the Daily Worker learned yesterday. Walter R. Hart, chairman of the Committee on Rules when questioned about this yesterday, admitted he probably would not call a session of his committee until next year.

This Committee, which acts on vacancies in the Council was scheduled to meet before Dec. 16, date of the next Council meeting.

Hart's decision to delay the committee's hearing underscores the strategy of the Democratic bosses, as indicated by Majority Leader Joseph T. Sharkey, is to stall any decision on the Gerson issue as long as possible and, in the meantime, to seek a court ruling on the "legality" of the Communist Party. On Monday Sharkey implied to reporters that the Communist Party was not a recognized party basing his argument on the law's requirement that a party must receive 50,000 votes for governor to get on the ballot without collecting nominating petitions.

RAISES ANOTHER POINT

Sharkey raised another point which the rules committee undoubtedly will utilize in its efforts to deny Gerson his rightful seat in the

Council. He said the Council was not bound to accept the recommendation of the Kings County Communist Party which designated Gerson to succeed to Cacchione's seat. Sharkey indicated the Council could choose any regularly enrolled member of a political party to succeed to a vacancy.

There have been no enrolled Communists since 1936 and Sharkey's strategy is to create the impression that this means there is no recognized Communist Party at this time and therefore the Council is not bound to accept any designee of the Communist Party for Cacchione's seat.

Another maneuver in the cards is to stall Council action until the Supreme Court renders a "declaratory judgment" on the Gerson issue. This would enable the Democrats to evade the embarrassing charge that they were circumventing the election laws and depriving 75,000 Brooklyn voters who elected Cacchione as a Communist in 1945 of their right to representation.

SEEK LEGAL OPINION

The Democratic councilman are also seeking an opinion from the corporation counsel. While such an opinion is not binding as a legal decision, with the appointment of John P. McGrath on Monday to succeed Charles E. Murphy as Corporation Counsel, such an opinion is fairly certain.

McGrath, chairman of the Law Committee of the Kings County

Democratic Organization, is one of the key braintrusters for Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore, who is a bitter foe of the Communist Party.

In the meantime the counter-offensive against the stalling maneuver of the Council began to roll yesterday. Thousands of folders and leaflets will be distributed this week by the Kings County Communist Party.

SHERBELL URGES SEATING

State Sen. Kenneth Sherbell, Brooklyn Laborite, called upon Joseph T. Sharkey to use his power as a Democratic Party leader and Majority Leader of the City Council to seat Simon W. Gerson as successor to the late Communist Councilman, Peter V. Cacchione.

The Brooklyn senator sent copies of his letter to Mayor O'Dwyer and Councilman Walter R. Hart, head of the Council Rules Committee.

Sen. Sherbell branded the effort to bar Gerson as an attack on the democratic process. Failure to seat Gerson, he added, would be widely regarded as a piece of political discrimination. He warned that attacks on the rights of Communists today would inevitably bring attacks on all democratic rights of tomorrow. Such action by a Democratic City Administration he went on, would place it in the eyes of progressives on the same level as the Republican-controlled Legislature which barred Socialist Assemblymen in 1920.

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As We See It

What Would Europe Think Of Our Christmas Ads?

By Joseph Starobin

A MINOR ORDEAL of these times is Christmas shopping, the marihuana of the people. I don't mean getting in and out of department stores here in New York, which has the aspect of entering Dante's Inferno. I mean the Christmas shopping which most of us do—by reading the ads in the Sunday papers.

When Vishinsky exposed to the world the seven fat years in which America grew rich, he was indignantly denounced and dogs even barked at his heels by radio. But the advertising pages expose the delights of the rich to the gaze of the rest of us, every day and Sunday, too. Nobody thinks of apologizing to Vishinsky. In fact, it's precisely this tantalizing wealth of America which is supposed to justify expanding the beneficence of American power to all parts of the world.

THE SAME EDITION of the New York Times last Sunday, which opened the annual Christmas appeal for New York's Hundred Neediest Cases, carried some advertisements which would no doubt be appreciated in Marseille or Milan.

You are invited, for instance, to become the owner of an Alaska seal fur coat from \$1350, although the skin of an animal which is unfamiliar to me, known as Nutria, can be draped on your shoulders for a mere \$1105. Naturally, a fur without "a spray pin with sapphires and diamonds" (now \$775, was \$1440) would be like ham without eggs. And if your ear lobes are blushing at this point, they can be concealed with platinum earrings (now \$1885 a pair, were \$3000). One thing about American advertisements. They flatly deny that prices ever rise.

This year, there's a discernible trend toward gadgets. Since the ballpoint pens, there's been nothing like it. There are "popular cork pullers" for example, at a few pennies under five dollars. There are portable lamps for sun-tanning yourself if you cannot possibly spend more than five weeks in Florida at \$98.50 (with quartz burners). If you wish a self-sharpening boloney slicer, \$24.75 will buy it. No matter how you slice it, it still etcetera, etcetera.

I have visions of a great painting to win the next Prix Femina: the American woman, completely equipped with minks and seals and nutrias, and bustles and sapphires and washing machines and motion picture projectors and musical cocktail shakers and skis and ankle bracelets, as advertised in one edition of the Sunday "Times." I would have the artist leave the price tags on them. In the background, there might be a reproduction of Mona Lisa.

AMERICA IS WALLOPING, to borrow Marx' phrase, in what might be called the "fetishism of commodities." From all our pulpits and the halls of Congress, the materialistic values we attribute to other peoples are systematically denounced. Emphatically and somewhat hysterically, we insist upon our idealistic natures. The Sunday papers tell a different story. Never before has a people gone so ga-ga over gee-gaws.

Of course, let's not over-simplify. There isn't the slightest doubt that a good section of our working people stand before the show-windows of the wealthy with admiration. The standards of the classes are made enviable to the masses even though the world sees us all as asses.

On the other hand, the old Irish song about "the rich as has the pleasure and the poor as gits the blame" has a certain relevance at this point. There is no greater American tragedy than the working-man's home on Christmas afternoon, when the racketty five-and-ten-cent store autos over-wind the first time your kid winds them, and the dresses which seemed like enchanting gossamer turn out to be tinsel and cardboard the first night after they are worn.

Neither would I maintain that there is something inherently evil about automatic pencils with built-in flashlights, or hunting whistles with such a high frequency that the human ear can't catch them, although dogs will. In a sense, even these gadgets are a tribute to the inventive genius of American engineers and workers. Most of whom will some day be builders of American socialism.

My point is that the country today is putting on a fantastic exhibition of what an acid critic of an older generation, Thorstein Veblen, called "conspicuous consumption." Instead of the good taste, humility and sense of responsibility that Christmas should stand for—especially this holiday when democracy and peace are endangered—we have a vast Belshazzar's feast. It's like a cartoon by Art Young. And it's bitter to look at.

laws providing prison and death for strikers. Laws which are obviously patterned after the American Taft-Hartley Law, and supported by the same reactionary forces in this country.

"It is political pressure when Harold Stassen and scores of other prominent American leaders warn the starving peoples of Europe that they will not be given food and financial assistance unless they abandon the nationalization of industry and all thought of building socialism.

"Behind such pressure lies the Marshall Plan, with its promises of big loans to governments will-

ing to do Wall Street's bidding." Other speakers included Dr. Howard Selsam, Herbert Aptheker, Vladimir Kazakevitch. Doxey Wilkerson was chairman.

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Santo Defense Urges Protests

The John Santo Defense Committee yesterday announced the first printing of 100,000 copies of a new booklet called John Santo, American as the first step in a national campaign to defeat the government's attempt to deport John Santo, national director of the Transport Workers Union of America.

The booklet, which will soon be printed in 1,000,000 copies, calls on all Americans to write letters of protest to President Truman and to Tom Clark, Attorney General of the United States and to "tell them that if Santo is good enough to fight for his country he is good enough to live in it as a citizen."

CIO president Philip Murray added his voice to the growing number of labor leaders who have come out in defense of the transport union leader.

Murray declared:

"Decency and fair play are the essence of Americanism."

"John Santo, national director of Organization for the Transport Workers Union of America has served the working people of the United States by improving their wages, hours and working conditions . . .

"It is for these reasons the Congress of Industrial Organizations and I, personally, call upon right thinking citizens to make their voices heard against the proposed deportation of this man."

A National CIO Committee to Defend John Santo has been set up by Mr. Murray, who announced appointment L. S. Buckmaster, president of United Rubber Workers, and David MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the United Steel Workers, to head the committee.

Auto Workers Ask Pay Hikes

DETROIT, Dec. 9 (PP).—The skilled workers in the auto industry heartily approve CIO President Philip Murray's announcement of a move for a third round of wage increases, according to a statement issued by President John Anderson of UAW Local 55.

"The announcement will be welcomed by all union men and women who are struggling to make ends meet in face of constantly increasing prices," said Anderson who is the leading wage negotiator for the tool and die makers in auto.

"All except the profiteers would much prefer a rollback of prices," Anderson said, "but any hopes in that direction were dashed by the pussyfooting position taken by Pres. Truman and the Democratic administration on price control.

"The spokesmen for the Republican party, including Sen. Taft, have made it clear that the American people can expect no help from them in checking inflation. Their attitude leaves labor no choice but to demand wage increases to compensate for runaway prices which have become legalized robbery."

Will Fight 'Hidden' Hikes

Landlord attempts to boost rents through "hidden" increases will be opposed by "a direct tenants' enforcement agency," former Assemblyman John J. Lamula, legislative representative of the Joint Rent Action Committee, said yesterday.

Deterioration in services, said Lamula, can be fought with the aid of Section 2040 of the Penal Law which holds any landlord guilty of a misdemeanor if he "fails to furnish as required, hot or cold water, heat, light, power, . . . or any other service or facility necessary to the proper or customary use of such building."

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Trio Grabs \$20,000 From Bank Messenger

WAVERLY, N. Y., Dec. 9 (UP)—Three men held up a bank messenger here today and escaped with \$22,000. Police said messenger Wilson Coward was carrying the money from the Citizens National Bank to the Post Office when two men approached him. Another man waited in an automobile. The men grabbed the money bag, jumped into their black sedan, and headed toward Elmira.

'Free Films' Rally Set for Monday

Charging Rep. J. Parnell Thomas with attempting to incite a "cultural pogrom" in America, the Progressive Citizens of America announced yesterday that a New York rally next Monday, Dec. 15, would open a nation-wide drive to "free the films from the Thomas Un-American Committee" and to dramatize the danger of similar congressional censorship in other fields of art and expression.

The "Free the Movies" rally will be held Dec. 15, 8 p.m. in Manhattan Center. Speakers will include Senator Glen Taylor; Jose Ferrer, actor; Mark Van Doren, poet and critic; Rev. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of The Churchman; Thurgood Marshall, counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Adrian Scott, producer of Crossfire and recently discharged by RKO after being accused of un-Americanism by Thomas.

The rally will be sponsored by the PCA Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, headed by Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of Harvard Observatory.

IWO Weighs Legal Action on Clark Listing

The International Workers Order announced yesterday it was weighing legal action against Attorney General Tom Clark. The IWO charged Clark with "character assassination" for putting that organization on his "subversive" list.

"Without notice or hearing, without charges or evidence," said a statement by the six top officers of the IWO, Clark "took it upon himself to question the loyalty" of the fraternal order.

The statement was signed by Rockwell Kent, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Rubin Saltzman, Louise T. Patterson, John E. Middleton and Peter Shipka.

"Mr. Clark's arbitrary and unconstitutional designation of the IWO as an organization of questionable loyalty," they said, "is contrary to the facts. The laboring and common people who built this organization to answer their need for low-cost insurance protection and other vital benefits will not be intimidated."

"In the tradition of our long-standing fight for social security, health insurance, democracy and the equal rights of all Americans, against Jimcrow, anti-Semitism and discrimination, we shall fight for our rights and resist all attempts on the part of reactionaries to destroy the organization of the people."

"The IWO is proud of its record of loyalty and patriotism, its war effort and service to the people."

"The IWO has been in existence

for 18 years. It is a fraternal benefit organization, chartered and operating under the insurance laws of the State of New York and licensed to operate in many other states."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP)—The American Civil Liberties Union today asked President Truman to arrange hearings for 78 organizations blacklisted as subversive by Attorney General Tom C. Clark

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Abolition of the House Un-American Committee was urged this week by the executive board of the Philadelphia Council, American Jewish Congress. All Philadelphia members were asked to demand action from their representatives in Washington.

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Medical Monopoly Creates Hospital Crisis

By Arnold Sroog

Third of a Series

Hospitals are in a crisis today because they are run in the interests of a medical monopoly which is tied by thousands of invisible links to the gigantic drug trust and to the biggest banks. This clique of rich doctors, organized in the American Medical Association (AMA) and in local county medical societies, in cynical self-interest has fought all attempts to reform hospital organization in the interest of the nation's health. These rich doctors have decided to fight against any move to restrict or limit their control. They know that the crisis in the hospitals is permanent and they know this will sacrifice the health of lower income groups.

PERMANENT CRISIS

The United Hospital Fund said during its current campaign:

"It would be fortunate if we could say that the crisis of the voluntary hospitals is only a temporary condition, caused by inflation. But it is not a temporary condition, it is permanent, and inherent in the present economic structure."

How, it may be asked, can anyone profit out of hospitals which lose millions of dollars annually? The answer is that everyone connected with the hospital's control profits outside of the institution, while the hospital itself shows a financial loss.

And it is to protect this setup that the doctors and their allies in big business are fighting.

This was admitted frankly by William H. Jackson in an interview with this reporter. Jackson is president of New York Hospital and chairman of the United Hospital Fund. I interviewed him at his Rockefeller Center office at J. H. Whitney & Co., investment

bankers, where he is a partner.

Jackson had described the voluntary hospitals as "as much a part of the system of freedom as privately supported universities or any free business enterprise." I asked him how he could continue to support this system in view of its past failures and its present crisis.

"If you don't have the voluntary hospital system," he replied, "you won't have the private practice of medicine. These private doctors could not survive as a system if they did not have the voluntary hospitals."

He asserted that this system had brought great advances in medicine and was the only way to maintain high medical standards.

Jackson admitted that something had to be done to protect the mass of the people against the effects of the hospital crisis. He insisted that it be done within the framework of present hospital organization.

Keeping this system, of course, protects the vested interests of the rich doctors and the drug monopolies. The doctors holding top positions in the hospitals

clean up in the simplest way. They rake in huge fees by virtue of the reputations they establish through holding big hospital jobs.

This system also works in a way which brings some profit to almost every doctor practicing. Since hospitals are the place where medical students must be trained, the amount of available space effectively restricts the number of graduates each year.

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS

As a result of this control, the medical monopoly has created a shortage of doctors in the nation. The aim is to keep high the monetary return from medical practice. AMA bigshots hope this will give every doctor in the country a vested interest in keeping the status quo.

As a result there are fewer doctors in the nation today than there were in 1928, although the population has risen by almost 20,000,000. In that year there was a total of 130,000 doctors in the country. Of these 18,000 were specialists and the rest general practitioners.

This year there are 122,000 doctors in all, of whom only 86,000 are general practitioners. In the same



HOSPITAL technician checks a test in a laboratory at New York Hospital. Fees for this are included in hospital's rates.

period the number of graduates from medical schools has declined steadily and the discrimination against minorities grown more severe. For example, from 1926-1937 the number of Negro medical students declined by 30 percent.

ECONOMY OF SCARCITY

This "economy of scarcity" in medicine has also had the effect of plowing under hospitals. Surgeon General Thomas Parran has estimated approximately 100,000 more general hospital beds are needed in the nation, in addition to replacement of about 25 percent of existing facilities as obsolete.

Simultaneously hospital service is already declining. The annual hospital report of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the AMA revealed last April that the number of hospital beds in the nation declined by 270,000 from 1945 to 1946. The figures show a drop from 1,738,944 beds to 1,468,714.

And this happened while the federal government, through the Veterans Administration, was opening new hospitals all over the country.

Even more sinister are the hidden deals centering around hospitals by which the great drug combines coin super-profits every year. This world cartel has its agents planted all through the hospital system, its main sales market.

These men, often doctors in the pay of the drug trust, sit on boards of trustees, in the administrative offices. Through them the lid of secrecy is clamped on the outrageous monopoly prices hospitals pay for drugs and medical equipment.

And no hospital executive can resist this system. He who tries finds himself unable to purchase drugs or equipment.

Examples of this system are not hard to find. A list of the trustees of a major hospital in this city reads like a who's who of the industrial and financial elite of the city.

On the Board of Governors of New York Hospitals, for example, in addition to Jackson, are included John Hay Whitney, senior partner of Jackson's firm, Vincent

TOMORROW

Insurance Plans — How Good Are They?

FRIDAY

How the Medical Monopoly and the Drug Trust Fight Hospital Reform.

SUNDAY

Rate-Gouging and Profiteering by Private Hospitals.



STUDENTS of Cornell Medical School listen to a lecture at a medical theatre connected with New York Hospital. School has been charged with discrimination against Negro and Jewish applicants.

The HERALD TRIBUNE'S feud with E. B. White, of the New Yorker, on loyalty witch hunts continues. In a new letter to the Trib, White writes: "The principle of demanding an expression of political conformity as the price of a job is the principle of hundred percentism. It is not new and it is blood brother of witch burning."

PM, commenting on Tom Clark's list of "disloyal" organizations, warns: "This widened scope of the witch-hunt is a dangerous one... This represents a

Press Roundup

new way to circumvent the Bill of Rights, to restrict liberty by fear, to punish without trial, to brand worse than criminal what nowhere in the Constitution or the statute books appears as a crime—'disloyalty'."

THE POSTS Samuel Grafton chimes in with an attack upon

the Hollywood dismissals: "It is censorship in blank, wholesale censorship, of past work unread and of future still unwritten."

THE TIMES' Arthur Krock is disturbed about the Voice of America broadcast on the Russian "panic." Krock, however, is not concerned with the veracity of the broadcast but with the

fact that the State Department scored a "beat" on the commercial press and, for a brief moment became a competitor with the vehicles of public information."

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM says we're not stockpiling atom bombs fast enough, and comes

up with "almost a perfect solution." It proposes that nations getting Marshall Plan "aid" should be required to repay with the "needed minerals" for producing more bombs.

THE SUN'S Gault MacGowan writes that French "middle-of-the-roaders" are prepared to accept a DeGaulist government as a "benevolent dictatorship." He adds complacently: "Moderates believe he would be obliged to begin a Communist pogrom, to arrest Red leaders and reopen concentration camps."

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New York, Wednesday, December 10, 1947

Ernst's 'Registration' Trap

MR. MORRIS ERNST, lawyer, has hit the front pages of the New York Herald Tribune.

He has a plan. The Tribune editorially backs the plan. In fact, it dug up Mr. Ernst to sponsor it in the form of an interview.

The plan is simplicity itself. It is for the Government to register what the Big Business papers call "Communist-front" organizations, to print the names of their contributors, friends and members.

A professional red-baiter of long standing, Ernst asks, in effect, why should anybody with open and above-board aims object to such harmless registration? Just a little technical matter to "bring things into the open," don't you know. Mr. Ernst just can't stand what he calls "stealth." And the Communists are so full of "stealth," he complains.

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MMR. ERNST'S LOVE for freedom is touching. It is surpassed, however, by his hypocrisy.

For it is not any desire for open and free political debate that motivates his little registration scheme. It is a police measure intended to bring drastic economic and social punishment down on the heads of those American citizens whose political views clash with that of the Truman government. It is in the pattern of the Nazi "technical registration" of the Jews.

The Truman administration, through Attorney General Clark's "subversive" list and through the Un-American Committee's blackmail activities, is establishing an industrial, social and political blacklist.

Americans are losing their jobs. Their friends are being warned that a similar fate awaits them if they "associate" with the blacklist victims. Filthy accusations of "disloyalty to America" are being hurled at Americans whose social views do not pass the test of Rankin and the FBI's police chief, J. Edgar Hoover. Families are being driven into social ostracism and dread.

"Stand up and be counted," bellow the Un-Americans to all progressives. But they stand by "with the ax the minute their victims do stand up to be counted—as in Hollywood."

The movie industry is not only firing those of whom the Un-American Committee does not approve; it is urging that all employers follow the same procedure in private industry. The Army is already extending its sway into private employment, dictating to trade unions which of its members are "safe" for jobs and which are not.

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EUGENE DENNIS, general secretary of the Communist Party, recently smashed the hypocrisy of all these seekers after "full and open information." Challenging the Thomas Committee slander that American Communism is "hidden" and "conspiratorial," Dennis urged that Congress enact a resolution pledging that no Communist or other progressive shall lose either his civil liberties or his right to work in Government or private employment because of political belief or activity.

"I pledge," Dennis told the slanderers of his Party, "that on that day that Congress adopts such a resolution, every single member of my Party will be more than happy and willing to declare publicly his Communist affiliation of which he is so proud!"

The so-called "front organizations," which Mr. Ernst and the Un-American Committee are so eager to brand as "disloyal" in the eyes of their neighbors and fellow-citizens, are anti-fascist, anti-Wall Street organizations.

They are organizations which supported Roosevelt, and played a decisive part in keeping Roosevelt in office against the efforts of Dulles, Vandenberg and Hoover to defeat him.

Mr. Ernst wants to help "smoke out" all opponents of the Truman-GOP coalition in order to place the brand of "disloyalty" on them, and to get them fired and ostracized in their communities. It is a plan for "cold fascism."

His registration trap is also aimed at dispersing and bullying the pro-Wallace forces which are gathering for the '48 elections.

We can see now that this ruse of his was the heart of his contribution to the recent Truman Report on Civil Liberties in which indignation against the crimes of the Jimcrow system was used as a cover-up for his vile police measure.

If Mr. Ernst's love for "freedom of information" were matched by his determined opposition to the political-economic persecution of Communists and anti-Truman progressives, he would not appear so plainly as the bellwether which is assigned to lead the flock to the waiting executioner.

DEFYING THE VOTERS



Letters

The Importance Of Weddings

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been reading your newspaper for several years. Although I cannot agree with the majority of your thoughts and philosophies, I want to secure both sides of opinion.

I have arrived at one conclusion and that is there is a great amount of hypocrisy shown by your writers and their great lack of humor. Surely you cannot begrudge Princess Elizabeth's lavish wedding. For deep in your heart you know that regardless of how poor a man is, he will go out to give his daughter the best wedding he possibly can. That is one time people forget their present and future problems.

LEONARD M. SHUR.

The Answer To Clark

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:

The best answer to Attorney General Clark and the other promoters of the inquisition against progressives is to send financial contributions to any or all of the organizations of forward-looking people that they are attempting to destroy. That is what I am doing to the extent that I can afford.

WILLIAM MORRIS.

NO MATCHES



Economic Issues

By Labor Research Association

A SCHEME to create some unemployment and bring about a limited "deflation" seems to be in the works in Washington. Advises of the best-informed business confidential services have been referring to it as a way to head off further wild inflation.

Methods to be used center chiefly in the limitation of bank credit and a squeeze on business loans especially for real estate speculation and residential construction.

One of the Washington information services says that the purpose is to make it more difficult, for example, for people to buy homes, on the ground that if they pay too much for them they might lose them when prices of real estate fall later on.

It is admitted quite openly that such a move would bring about some unemployment, the hope being, of course, that it will not be "too big."

AND MORE important still, from the viewpoint of the employers, is to use the words of one of the business services, the fact that a little unemployment "would dampen down the wage demands."

At least that is the hope of the

HERE ARE some of these facts: Between June, 1946, when OPA ceilings were removed and September, 1947, the overall cost of living, measured by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics rose about 23 percent, and since then it has gone still higher. And in those 15 months the retail price of food rose about 40 percent.

But in the same period weekly wages in manufacturing industries rose only about 17 percent. They showed even less advance in non-organized occupations.

If we look over a longer span of nearly two years, we find that workers in manufacturing industries have since January, 1945, suffered a loss of over 18 percent in purchasing power of their weekly wages.

At the same time corporation profits nave, as we have shown in every recent issue of our Economic Notes, been advancing to higher and higher levels. For example:

FOR THE first nine months of 1947 a list of 375 leading corporations compiled by the National City Bank showed an average rise in net profits of 77 percent over the corresponding period of last year. And in the same period the rate of net profit on net worth (capital plus surplus) rose by 62 percent.

A still larger list of companies compiled by the Standard & Poor's Corp. showed a rise in aggregate net profits of 72 percent for the nine-month period. The 1947 profits were the highest ever recorded.

Total profits of all corporations are running above previous records. The total for 1947, after taxes, are estimated at about \$17.5 billion compared with \$12.5 billion last year, a wartime peak of \$10.3 billion in 1943, and \$6 billion in 1939.

19 UE Locals to Withhold Grants To Jersey CIO

NEWARK, 9.—Representatives of 19 UE, CIO locals in northern New Jersey last night recommended that their locals withhold their per capita payments to the New Jersey State CIO Council "until such time as the rights of the affiliates are reinstated and we are permitted without any qualifications to choose our own representatives on the State Board."

This action was announced after representatives of UE locals with a membership of more than 40,000 met at the Hotel Sheraton.

The statement declared the locals stand ready to listen to any proposal from the leadership of the state CIO "declaring their intention and willingness to recognize the people we have chosen to represent us."

The meeting vested full authority in James MacLeish, president of UE District 4 and other District 4 officers and executive board members to represent the 19 locals in discussions with the State CIO.

The statement denounced the New Jersey State CIO elections last Sunday as "undemocratic" and disruptive of unity.

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—CULVER CLUB, 12 A.D. Section

VIRGIL—Climbers



By Len Kleis

City College

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tional institutions by the Un-American Activities Committee.

Since the ban against Johnson could not be achieved through a technicality, Dean Theobald wrote his own ticket. His action went contrary to a recent action by the Board of Education which refused to ban Communist and American Youth for Democracy spokesmen from using school facilities.

COULDN'T GET OK

The first hint of the ban came when Oscar Barland, Student Council representative of the Marxist Cultural Society, tried to get an okay on a leaflet announcing the meeting. Dean Crawley's office refused the okay although on Monday the college had granted permission for the meeting.

Attempts by the Daily Worker to substantiate the news were met by college authorities with the kind of buck-passing and squirming that comes from long years of scholastic finesse.

Dean Theobald told your reporter over the phone that he was on his way to a meeting and had no time to talk. He referred me to Dean Crawley. Dean Crawley was not in his office and several messages that he call back availed nothing. A student in the office finally disclosed that the Dean had left "with his hat and coat."

President Harry N. Wright, who said he knew of the decision, said he had nothing to say. He referred me to Nichols, the press relations representative.

A person answering to the name of Nichols said he knew nothing of the decision and referred me to Dean Brophy. Dean Brophy said he had been out all morning and knew nothing about the matter. He referred me to Nichols.

HEM AND HAW

Trying Nichols' office again, the press agent answered saying he hadn't spoke to me before. He forwarded the information he had.

"We feel that this action violates our Constitution and the Bill of Rights," said a statement from the Marxist Cultural Society. "In succumbing to the pressures of political attacks on minority groups, where will he draw the line. The college administration has actually taken the law into its own hands in banning a spokesman of the Communist Party whose legality has been upheld by the Supreme Court in the Schneideman case."

The campus groups pointed out further that the ban violates the Bill of Rights of the National Students Association "which specifically protests censorship of speaker on the campus." The source of the attacks, said the statement, "is the Un-American Activities Committee which was quoted by the Board of Higher Education as an authority for condemning such political groups."

The student group called upon the administration of the college to reconsider its decision.

When a spokesman for the Board of Higher Education was queried by the Daily Worker on the matter, the answer was "no comment."

Eisenhower Takes College Post June 7

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will assume his new post as President of Columbia University on June 7, the university trustees announced yesterday.

France

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criticize apology for the world policy of U.S. Big Business.

Davis, called upon to answer questions from reporters on ADA's position, made the remark regarding De Gaulle in response to a query from Robert S. Allen, prominent radio and press commentator.

"What assurance have you got that the Marshall Plan will stop the polarization process in France, where the extreme right is all but in control now?" Allen asked.

NOT "TOO BAD"

Davis answered it was obvious De Gaulle would take over in France in a few months, and then remarked:

"I don't think we can be certain de Gaulle would be too bad."

Allen also called attention to the death penalty for strikers in Greece and wanted to know whether this was not the fruit of U.S. policy. Paul A. Porter, luncheon master of ceremonies and an ADA leader, admitted the Greek

Thousands Attend Butler Funeral

Thousands paid tribute yesterday to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, whose funeral was held in St. Paul's Chapel on the campus of Columbia University. Outside the chapel, crowds estimated by police at 5,000 gathered and another estimated 1,000 faculty members and students heard the service over loudspeakers in the rotunda of Low Memorial Library.

law had outraged American public opinion and that the "center" in Greece had shifted since his presence there as a special presidential emissary. He maintained it was not the Truman doctrine but the delays in introducing it which has strengthened the "right."

Contradictorily, he remarked that but for U.S. intervention "you would have found Tito in Greece." Among the 19 signers of the ADA foreign policy statement were Mrs. Roosevelt, Herbert H. Lehman, Sumner Welles and other notables.

Map Program On Reich Trade

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Big Four foreign ministers agreed in principle today to establish a four-power program of exports and imports for the whole of Germany in an attempt to get that country on a self-supporting basis.

It was decided to send the proposal, made by Great Britain, to a drafting committee for polishing.

France blocked agreements, which the United States, Great Britain and Russia favored, to provide free movement of goods among the four occupation zones in Germany and to set forth the principle of German economic unity.

France objected also to an American attempt to get the Big Four on record as willing to share past, present and future deficits in financing the four occupation zones.

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11:00-WNBC-Nora Drake
WOR-Prestcott Robinson
WJZ-Breakfast with Breneman
WCBS-Arthur Gorfrey
WNYC-Pass in Review
WQXR-News; Alma Dettlinger
11:15-WNBC-Katie's Daughter
WOR-Tello-Test
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch
WOR-Heart's Desire
WQXR-UN Newsreel
WCBS-Grand Slam
WNYC-United Nations
WJZ-Galen Drake
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton
WJZ-Ted Malone
WCBS-Rosemary
WQXR-Tom Scott

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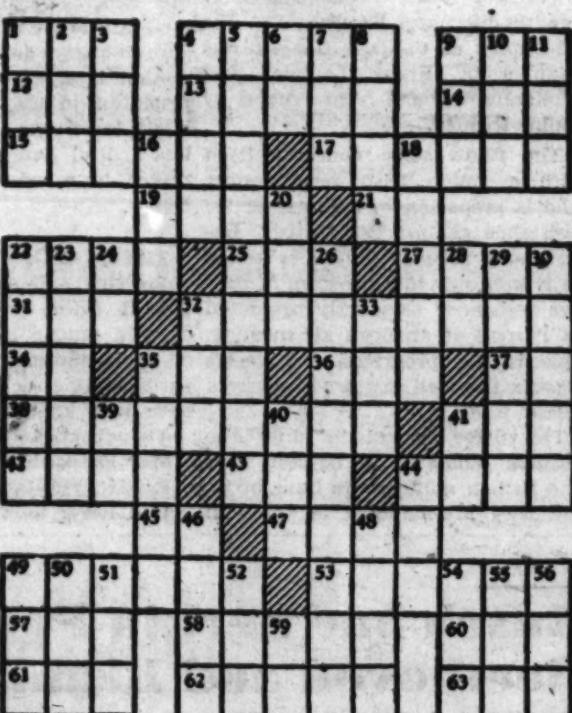
12:00-WNBC-Dan Hall
WOR-Kate Smith
WJZ-Welcome Travelers
WCBS-Wendy Warren
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
WCBS-Aunt Jenny
12:30-WNBC-Brokeshire
WOR-News; Answer Man
WJZ-News; Nancy Craig
WCBS-Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC-Our Gal Sunday
12:55-WNBC-Farmer's Bulletins
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Luncheon at Sardi's
WJZ-H. R. Baukage
WCBS-Big Sister
WNYC-Spotlights Varieties
WQXR-Midday Show
1:15-WJZ-Nancy Craig
WCBS-Ma Perkins
1:30-WJZ-Galen Drake
1:45-WNBC-Believe It or Not
WOR-Victor H. Lindlahr
WCBS-Guiding Light
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children
WOR-Queen for a Day
WJZ-Maggie McNeilis
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton
WNYC-Weather: City News
WQXR-News: Encores

2:10-WNYC-Drama Time
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White
WCBS-Perry Mason
2:30-WNBC-Holly Sloan
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WCBS-Look Your Best
WNYC-Symphonic Matinee
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC-Light of the World
WCBS-Rose of My Dreams
WQXR-Curtis and Freeman
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Barbara Welles
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WCBS-Double or Nothing
WQXR-News; Opera Scenes
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
WOR-Song of Stranger
WJZ-Paul Whiteman
WCBS-Art Linkletter
WNYC-UN Session
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
WOR-Ladies' Man
WCBS-Hint Hunt
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas
4:25-WCBS-News Reports
4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Treasury Band
WCBS-Winner Take All
4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown
WJZ-Pre-Royal Wedding Plans
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan
WJZ-Dick Tracy
WCBS-School of the Air
WQXR-Disk Date
5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
WOR-Superman
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates

Crossword Puzzle

1-Nourished
4-Keen
9-Solemn promise
12-Eggs
13-Carried
14-Reverential fear
15-To frolic
17-To cuddle up
19-Musical composition
21-Symbol for sodium
22-Point of culmination
25-Crowd
27-To corner
31-Jewel
32-Manifesting exhilaration
34-By
35-Silkworm
36-Electrified particle
37-Note of scale
38-Enduring
41-Favorite
42-One of the Great Lakes
43-Archaic: old times
44-To become fatigued
45-Compass point
47-To a great distance
49-Muddy
53-Supposed
57-Equality
58-Young ladies
60-Rowing implement
61-Slender bristle
62-Digging tool
63-To contort

VERTICAL
1-Murky condition
2-Friend of Topsy
3-Barrier
4-On the summit of
5-Dovelike
6-Low voice
7-Number
8-Biblical garden
9-Large tub
10-Wise bird
11-Small
16-To spar
18-Glossy silk fabric
20-French coin
22-Opened widely
23-Man's name
24-Printer's measure
26-To cover the



Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

S	A	P	L	E	A	P	T	B	O	A
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Life of the Party

Not Anecdotes of Past, But Warnings for Today

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

THE BEST THING that we should be able to say eventually about the past is that its over and done with—when it finally is. It is therefore not in the spirit of "the good old days" that we retrace

struggles of the past, especially those which were won at the time. Rather it is, as Marx said, to "serve the purpose of glorifying the new struggles, not of parodying the old; of magnifying the given tasks in imagination, not of taking flights from their solutions in reality."

It is to find the spirit of past struggles, not "of making its ghost walk"—as he warns. It is, in his language to "come back to the apparently accomplished in order to recommend it afresh." That is the relationship of 1947 to past struggles. It is actually of one piece, an unfinished task.

WITH THIS introduction, I recur again to the past. In my column of Nov. 23 there were two errors. One was the printer's, possibly due to my illegible handwriting. It was in 1908, not 1903, that I attended my first defense conference, in Hull House, Chicago. It's not too important except to be accurate and I'm not anxious to be five years older—not at my age. Then I wouldn't have minded. The other mis-



take was the name of the defendant in the famous ritual case.

Recently I met my old friend Alexander Trachtenberg, head of International Publishers, and he refreshed my recollections. I pass the correct information on to our readers.

The young man for whom the long murderous arm of the Czar's government reached out in 1908 was Mendel Bailes, charged with ritual murder by the Black Hundred, who were responsible for the deaths of many. He was from Kiev, in the Ukraine, had escaped, and thus became the center of this famous Chicago case. The Czar's government demanded his return by our government.

Elihu Root, Secretary of State, then the elder statesman of the GOP comparable to Herbert Hoover today, agreed to the extradition. Bailes was defended by Simon Pollock, a poor man's lawyer of that day. The Czar's government was represented by Coudert Freres, the father and the uncle of the present Congressman, Coudert, who follows in his family's witch-hunting traditions. A tremendous legal and political struggle took place and the right of political asylum

vindicated in the courts of the U. S. A.

AT THAT TIME, the right of asylum was invoked for those who fought against tyranny, as previously when Germans fleeing the iron laws of Bismarck and Irish revolutionists who fled British rule, were welcomed and honored here. But, today, there is a perversion of political asylum, when every traitor to his country, fascist criminals escaping from the justice of the people, even pro-Czarist exiles are honored guests, while a French Communist newspaperman, representing L'Humanite, was fenced in like a criminal on parole recently, allowed only to attend the United Nations session.

A list of 13 men and women, threatened with deportation today for their political and labor activities, or because naturalization is made so difficult and entry is sometimes hard to prove, confronts us with a widespread and serious attack on the democratic rights of non-citizens in our country. A recent pamphlet, "Step-Children of a Nation," by Isabel Gonzales, of Denver, Colorado, tells of the plight of 5,000,000 Mexicans within our borders.

If you want further information on the "deportation deliriums" of today, write to the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, 25 W. 26 St., New York 10, N. Y.

But let us not forget, we are stronger in 1947—the enemy is weaker. Like a wounded beast, smarting in its lair, capitalism strikes out madly, using its old moth-eaten slogans and methods. Unity and organization will defeat the mnow as then.

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Book Parade

History of Modern Literary Criticism
Is Strewn With Biased Judgments

By Samuel Sillen

MANY an American writer today can appreciate the complaint of Herman Melville in a letter to his friend Nathaniel Hawthorne a century ago. The author of *Moby Dick* wrote: "I shall at last be worn out and perish . . . What I feel most moved to write, that is banned—it will not pay. Yet altogether write the other way, I cannot."

To a certain extent the question of what will or will not pay is determined by book reviewers. And the reviewers were of no more help in Melville's day than they are in our own. When *Moby Dick* appeared in 1851, the reviewer for one of the influential literary journals used these understanding words to describe Melville's masterpiece: "... maniacal gibberish, screaming, like an incurable Bedlamite, reckless of keeper or strait-waistcoat."

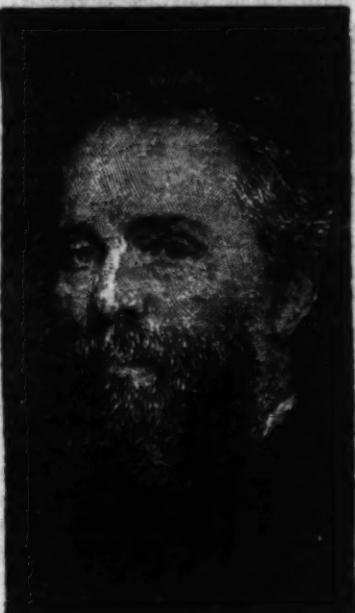
Melville's contemporary Walt Whitman fared no better. *Leaves of Grass* (1855) was largely ignored by the press. At least, silence was more dignified than the outburst of one typical reviewer that "all the writers we have perused, Walt Whitman is the most silly, the most blasphemous, and the most disgusting."

THE SINS of bourgeois reviewing date far back and range across many countries. Resistance to new ideas and fresh forms is the standard pattern. And the bourgeois reviewers, who have long prided themselves on an allegedly non-political approach to art, have consistently applied the narrowest political yardsticks. In batting down progressive political ideas, they invariably knocked down every author of genius.

"To our apprehension," wrote a reviewer of Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound* in 1820, "Prometheus is little else but absolute raving; and were we not assured to the contrary, we should take it for granted that the author was lunatic—as his principles are ludicrously wicked, and his poetry a melange of nonsense, cockneyism, poverty and pedantry . . . the stupid trash of a delirious dreamer . . . maniacal raving."

Note the recurrence of the same idea. Melville was accused of "maniacal gibberish," Shelley of "maniacal raving." The reviewers of the Right have never had even the justification of an original phrase.

Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* was denounced by French reviewer in 1857 as a "sickly exaltation of the senses and imagination in restless democracy." A reviewer of Balzac's *Le Pere Goriot* in 1835 solicitously wrote: "We advise no woman to read this volume," and another predicted



HERMAN MELVILLE
his 'Moby Dick' called 'maniacal gibberish' when it appeared in 1851 . . .

that "M. de Balzac's place in French literature will be neither considerable nor high."

The history of modern literary criticism is strewn with such perceptive judgments. Their source is to be found not merely in the boorishness of the individual critic, but in the social and intellectual environment which breeds such reviewers. Capitalism, boastful of its "freedoms," has placed a premium on conformity and reaction in art. Bourgeois reviewers today as always push what is "safe" (i.e., dead) and try to hold back whatever represents the future in art and society. The review sections of the bourgeois press are rituals of reaction.

And since reviews, as a none too subtle form of advertising, influence what will or will not "pay," more and more writers in our land today echo Melville's letter to Hawthorne: "What I feel most moved to write, that is banned—it will not pay. Yet altogether write the other way, I cannot."

He could not and did not write the "other way," the way of the reviewers. The going was tough, but he did, at least, write living, eloquent, profoundly truthful literature. And that, as some of us like to think, is the mission of the writer, whatever the reviewers may say to the contrary.

Book Notes

VIKING PRESS has announced for Jan. 19 publication *The Great Rehearsal* by Carl Van Doren. This is the story of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the struggle for ratification by the states. It will sell for \$3.75 and is slated to

MILTON J. CROSS, for twenty years an announcer and interpreter of operatic music for radio, has written the stories of 72 operatic masterpieces in a new book titled *Milton Cross' Complete Stories of the Great Operas*, published by Doubleday & Co.

BONI & GAER will publish 1,000 Americans, (The Real Rulers of the USA), by George Seides, editor of *In Fact*, on Jan. 5. The title of the book is supplied by Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont. In a debate on the St. Lawrence development, Aiken said that twenty million people would benefit by it, but one thousand Americans stood in their way.

PERSONS who read with surprise of the Amish farmer who appealed to court because his neighbors had imposed the "mite" on him—in other words, had boycotted him—because he had purchased an automobile, will learn about other queer beliefs of these and other folk in Edwin Valentine Mitchell's *It's An Old Pennsylvania Custom* recently published by Vanguard.

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Hollywood:

'News' Kills Plug for Film 'G. Agreem'nt'

By David Platt

EDDA HOPPER'S plug for Gentleman's Agreement which appeared in her syndicated column on December 5 was suppressed by the N. Y. Daily News . . . The Hollywood gossip writer opined: "Seldom has the Christian Science Monitor gone all out for a film, as it has for Darryl Zanuck's Gentleman's Agreement. I must admit the picture deserves the praise" . . . the Los Angeles Times carried the item but not the New York Daily News . . . anti-Semitism?

THE FAN RAGS had a lot to do with the build-up given the Lana Turner-Tyrone Power Affaire d'Amour which pifft! . . . It brings to mind last year's fan mag tales about Miss Turner and actor Bob Hutton.

Gordon Kahn recently pointed out in an article in the Atlantic Monthly, of all places, that during October 1946, 14 of America's 22 fan magazines carried photos of Lana and Bob strolling together, dancing cheek to cheek and holding hands. The captions for the pictures led everyone to believe that these two would soon be one . . . Two months later, in December, there were pictures of Bob Hutton and his beautiful bride leaving Hollywood for a honeymoon . . . It was a brand new flame . . . Lana was out.

THE FAN MAGAZINES HAVE changed their format but not much else through the years . . . For instance here's a Question-and-An-



LANA TURNER TYRONE POWER

swer column in the 1911 volume of Motion Picture Story Magazine which with few changes could pass muster today:

Q—"Who is the slender child with the long curly hair in the story on page 19?"

A—"Mary Pickford."

Q—"Is her hair really blonde or is that a wig she's wearing?"

A—"No, it is said to be genuine."

Q—"Is Mary Pickford her real name?"

A—"Her real name is Gladys Mary Smith and she comes from Canada."

Q—"Does she think fried pig's cheek is bad for the skin? If not, what does she eat?"

A—"She prefers lots of milk and orange juice."

Q—"Does she mix them?"

A—"No."

Q—"Where can I get white kid-topped button shoes like hers and if it ain't asking too much could she send me a pair collect-size 7½ triple E?"

MAURICE THOREZ (see December issue of Political Affairs) reports that the French Communist paper *L'Humanité* recently published figures revealing the extent of the ruin of the French motion picture industry under the one-sided Byrnes-Blum Agreement . . . In the first half of 1946, 38 American and 35 French films were released in France; in the second half of 1946, 145 American films and 46 French films were shown; and, in the first half of 1947, there were 338 American films and 55 French films . . .

No wonder the actors, musicians and workers in the French movie industry have set up a Union for the Defense of the French Cinema . . . With the way things are going in our own country, a Union for the Defense of the American Cinema against Thomas Committee witch-hunting wouldn't be a bad idea either . . .

Today's Film:

'Captain Boycott' At Winter Garden



STEWART GRANGER, as an Irish revolutionary, prepares for the British in this scene from 'Captain Boycott' at the Winter Garden.

By Herb Tank

CAPTAIN BOYCOTT is a British film about Irish resistance to English landlords. It is an impressive film. It is well made with a fine grasp of conflict and a good ear for the eloquent speech of the Irish.

And it is a subtle film, for in the final analysis, with all of its surface feeling of sympathy for the

CAPTAIN BOYCOTT. Produced by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat. Directed by Frank Launder. Screenplay by Frank Launder and Wolfgang Wilhelm, from the novel by Philip Rooney. With Stewart Granger and Kathleen Ryan. At the Winter Garden.

Irish, it is still a British film about rebellion of Irishmen against the English.

Don't ever forget it. The film is beautifully made and it would like you to forget that fact. During the telling of its story the film takes on almost as many viewpoints as it has characters. But when it finally completes its statement it turns out to be not a statement of attack on English oppression, but only a statement of opposition to the excesses of such oppression. It offers passive resistance as the answer to these excesses. Its main attack is finally aimed at active resistance.

CAPTAIN BOYCOTT, a ruthless and self-righteous English landlord, actually lived, and the rebellion of the Irish peasants against his rent policies and oppression gave the English language a new word. Liam O'Flaherty wrote about this incident in his novel *Famine*. But the screenplay of Captain Boycott was adapted by Frank Launder and Wolfgang Wilhelm from a novel by Philip Rooney.

The film's story concerns itself with a young Irish revolutionary who is preparing to organize active resistance against the British. Before he is actually moved to action he is won over to a program of passive resistance eloquently presented by Parnell at an open air meeting. This is the program of Parnell's organization, led in the village by a parish priest.

The village proceeds to "shun" the ruthless landlord, to boycott him. The British military are brought in, and they are handled in the film

with a neat twist of sympathy. They, of course, must concern themselves with law and order but their commanding officer makes it plain that he has no use for such landlords. In this way the landlord is nicely separated from the British government. Could it be that the British government had no hand in the oppression of the Irish? Perhaps the whole thing was the fault of a few landowning scoundrels!

VERY CLEVERLY the film balances any forthright attitude that it may at some moments have with a sympathetic portrayal of a renegade family who move into the farm house from which others have been forcibly evicted. This balancing act is carried even further by reserving the most critical and unsympathetic portrayal for the revolutionary school teacher, who is presented as a cowardly man stirring others to violence. The final juggling occurs when it is charged that the landlord wasn't really the guilty one, but rather his assistant who pulled the strings behind the scenes. On top of which the landlord repents.

Captain Boycott is a skillfully made film. The Irish countryside is used well in the picture, and there are expert performances, particularly Alastair Sim's portrayal of the shrewd parish priest. Launder's direction is tight, constantly seeking resolution in action, in a film which might have been talky and wordy in less skillful hands. Parnell is portrayed in a brief scene by Robert Donat.

THERE ARE PEOPLE who will enjoy this well made film, and the British ruling class may well be counted among them. Unlike some of their more hysterical counterparts in America the British Tories have long known that—

Though sticks and stones
May break their bones,
Passive resistance,
Will never hurt them.

Music:

Busch and Serkin Perform Beethoven and Brahms

THE Busch Quartet at Town Hall last Saturday afternoon, in the first of two concerts which it is presenting, featured works by Beethoven and Brahms. In the Quartet in

in Johannes Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor, Op. 34. Here the pace set by the pianist was followed by the strings and the "Sturm und Drang" fervor was translated into a satisfying performance.

The enthusiastic audience extended its appreciation by repeatedly calling the players back to the stage.

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Around the Dial

Norman Thomas, Marshall Plan, Vox Pop, 'Voice of the Army,' Soap Opera Pros.

By Bob Lauter

FREE SPEECH ITEM: Norman Thomas, member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, will speak over the Columbia network on "Must the Marshall Plan Mean Inflation?"

How come that's a man of Mr. Thomas' dwindling stature, whose following is microscopic, is given a national hook-up to air his views (and they could do with an airing), at a time when PCA has found it next to impossible to broadcast speeches by Henry A. Wallace, whose following is unquestionably numbered in millions?

Freedom of the air is rapidly becoming freedom to support the Marshall Plan.

TUNED IN one of the "Voice of the Army" series over WNYC, 6:30 p.m., Monday. These dramatized episodes of Army life are presented to aid the present Army recruiting campaign. The program I heard put the accent on Army sports.

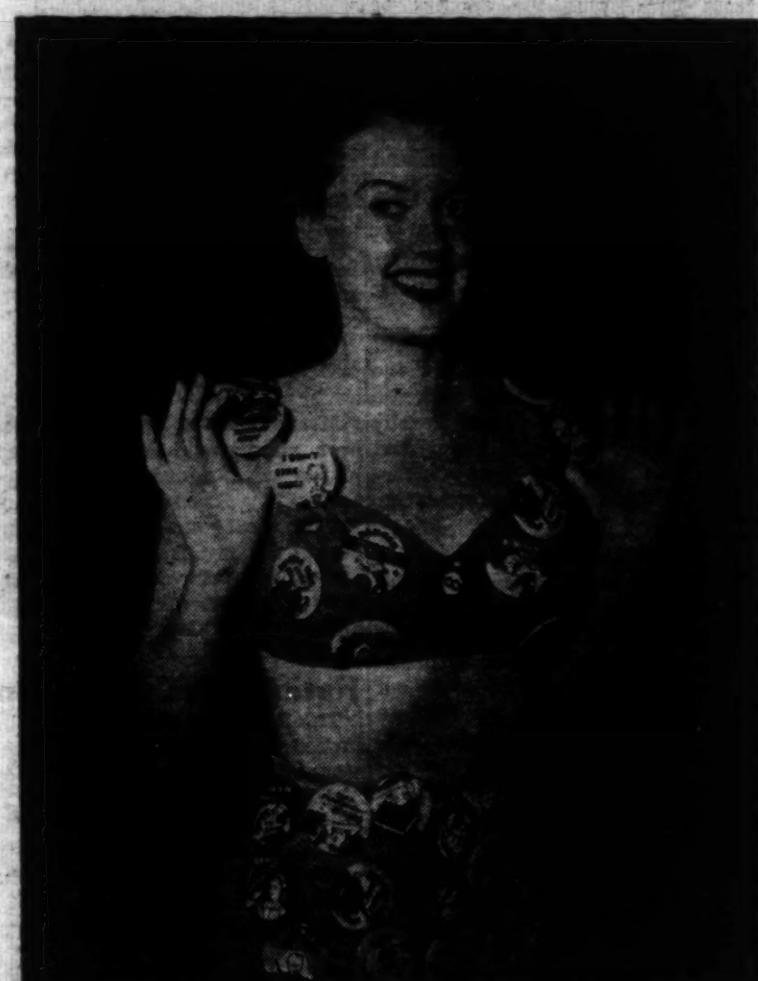
Millions of vets will not, I believe, be impressed by descriptions of a ball game in which "a buck private struck out a colonel three times in a row."

Army life, as presented by "Voice of the Army," differs from civilian life only in that people are called "private" or "colonel" instead of "mister." You're playing ball, or you're running the four-forty, or you're flying from Honolulu to Korea to enter a horseshoe-pitching contest.

It is interesting that the accent is on joining the "new regular peacetime Army." Any guarantees?

WJZ's "Vox Pop," tonight at 6:30, is taking us to Washington for some interviews which might make good listening.

Parks Johnson and Warren Hull will speak to the page boys of the Senate and House of Representatives, asking them about their



TAKE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, Martha Stewart in this case; put her in a bathing suit; decorate well with comic buttons, and you have a new excuse for the ever-popular cheesecake picture. Martha Stewart is featured vocalist on ABC's 'Jack Paar Show,' tonight at 9:30. Station WJZ in New York.

jobs and their reactions to some of the people in Congress with whom they have rubbed elbows in the course of their work. The page boys, all graduates of the Washington page school, range in age from 14 to 17.

PROFESSORS to the rescue! CBS has put Prof. W. Lloyd Warner, anthropologist, and Prof. William E. Henry, psychologist, to work examining the soap opera, "Big Sister."

The intellectual mountains labored, and here are the mousey conclusions:

1. Soap operas are psychologically beneficial to listeners individually, and;
 2. Soap operas are of considerable value to our society in reaffirming the strength, stability and sanctity of the family.
- There's a professor for everything!

Theatre Notes

The American Negro Theatre has designated Friday evening Dec. 26 as opening night for its forthcoming revival of Rain, the Colton-Randolph adaptation of the Somerset Maughan novelette. Previews are scheduled for Friday evening Dec. 19 and Saturday afternoon Dec. 20. Performances will continue every evening except Saturday during opening week and special matinees will be held on

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27 and 28, at 2:30 p.m. Thereafter performances will be given every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening in January.

Alice Childress, Maxie Gianville, and Alvin Childress, all recently returned to the organization after Broadway engagements, head the cast. Technical direction is by Richard Brown, while Roger Furman is doing the sets.

On Stage . . .

Epic Production of Bert Brecht's 'Galileo'

By Lee Newton

SO LONG as the Un-American Committee, the Legion of Decency, Eric Johnston and others who want to shrink the human mind to their midget moralities, do not completely run the world—so long will the story of Galileo, his search for the truth and the Roman Catholic Church's efforts to suppress the truth, excite and inspire the human race. That's why it was good to see the Experimental Theatre's production of Bertolt Brecht's Galileo—for Brecht pulls

GALILEO, a play in two acts by Bertolt Brecht, translated by Charles Laughton. Presented by The Experimental Theatre, Inc., under the sponsorship of the American National Theatre and Academy at Maxine Elliott's Theatre. Staged by Joseph Losey, settings and costumes by Robert Davison, music by Hanns Eisler, lyrics adapted by Albert Brush. Musical conductor, Joseph Schmid. Cast includes Charles Laughton, Joan McCracken, Hester Sondergaard, John Carradine, Rusty Lane, Harris Brown and others.

no punches in depicting the Church's opposition to Galileo's discovery and the reason for that opposition.

BRECHT SHOWS THE CHURCH using the Inquisition to suppress the knowledge that the earth is not the center of the universe to protect the Papal power and because it feared the effect the destruction of religious superstitions might have on the oppressed masses of that time. One churchman frankly tells Galileo that one of the reasons the groaning peasantry refrains from rebelling against their intolerable exploitation is the fact that the Church still manages to keep its hold on them by using these superstitions. The church fears that any vital blow against these beliefs would weaken that hold and give the peasants dangerous ideas about their status in this world.

Despite the church's temporary success in intimidating Galileo, the truth finally emerged. That, and the exposition of how the scientist arrived at the truth is the story of Galileo.

BRECHT'S METHOD of expounding historic and scientific truths on the stage has long been known as the Epic Theater technique and was evolved by himself and Erwin Piscator (now head of the New School's Dramatic Workshop) in pre-Hitler Germany particularly for that purpose. This production of Galileo is Epic Theater and makes no pretense of being "realistic" in the usual sense. Thus, the settings for Galileo, for example, do not even attempt to give the illusion of reality. There is a basic set of scaffolding which is used in turn for Galileo's various studies and residences, the Cardinal's palace, the Vatican, etc. Functional fragments of scenery—a chair, a table, are used to indicate different rooms, and the general location is fixed by interpretive pictures, enlarged reproductions of Michael Angelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo himself, thrown on a projection screen.

Robert Davison's simple but artful setting arrangements captured the spirit of Epic Theatre and it was easy and natural for the audience, shortly after the curtain's rise, to travel from Galileo's study to the Vatican on the same structure. The only jerkiness was the use of an extraneous three-boy chorus for the brief scene-changing periods.

The whole effect of the setting, Hanns Eisler's music, and Joseph Losey's direction was to minimize externals and concentrate on the meaning and ideas of the play. Epic drama in Germany used to be known as "learning plays" and its purpose, according to Brecht, was to strive for the enlightenment or education of the audience instead of appealing to the emotions. And in Galileo, we do follow the scientist's long complex attempts to establish the Copernican theory and his conflict with the church.

Not that Galileo is minus emotional content. There's the fate of Galileo's daughter doomed to lose her fiance because the aristocratic land-owning family he comes from



CHARLES LAUGHTON (above, left), displays a keen intelligence as Galileo in the epic play of the same name by Bertolt Brecht (above, right).

fears the effect of Galileo's theories was consciously adapting his style to Epic, in which the actor's main function is not so much to involve the emotions of the audience (or himself, for that matter), but to let them see from the outside, so to speak, what is happening to the character of the stage. The logic of Epic is that emotional participation is only a distraction from the main theme.

But all this with possibly one or two exceptions, is muted and subsidiary to the main theme. And now—because the actor in Brecht's Epic Theatre, at least in Theory, is perhaps the least important element in the production—we can discuss Charles Laughton.

MR. LAUGHTON gives us a Galileo studied in its lack of intensity, in its casual intelligence. His Galileo is a man of quick and keen perception; one can see Mr. Laughton's eyes hit upon a fact involving his theory, absorb its significance and immediately reflect a reaction. There is the love of Galileo for the pleasures of life; his insatiable intellectual curiosity; his power of concentration, and one can almost see the razor-edged mind cutting through to the heart of a problem. The Laughton of Galileo is one far removed from the gaudy, showy Laughton of so much of his Hollywood stuff.

It seemed to me that Laughton

was consciously adapting his style to Epic, in which the actor's main function is not so much to involve the emotions of the audience (or himself, for that matter), but to let them see from the outside, so to speak, what is happening to the character of the stage. The logic of Epic is that emotional participation is only a distraction from the main theme.

The "weakness" in that theory is that the very nature of Galileo's theme and main character, as depicted by Brecht, is such that it can not help but evoke an emotional response. Not a response based on the heat of passion, but one based on an appeal to reason.

Laughton occasionally does put over a charm trick or two, but within the broad concept of his performance this is easily forgiven.

An excellent supporting cast included Joan McCracken as the long suffering daughter; Hester Sondergaard, John Carradine in a brief appearance as the Inquisitor, and Rusty Lane, who was particularly impressive as the intellectual Pope.

GALILEO represents a noble beginning for the Experimental Theatre this year: certainly much more promising than its disappointing showing last season.

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On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



A New Vantage Point

LET'S US SPORTS FANS chat a little about the fight, about the sports writers' strange differences of opinion, the radio broadcast, the fight pictures. For I am one of you on this controversy. I wasn't there either. In my expert wisdom I visualized a quick and routine knockout, and stayed home.

Ah, hindsight. There are no more "upsets" in boxing than in football. Any scribe possessing the good sense to listen to Joe Louis saying clearly that he had slowed down, and having the perception to see that Walcott, with all to gain and little to lose, was not afraid, and was a smart ringman geared for a supreme effort, might have at least hinted at the possibility of a close fight.

Missing it wasn't all bad, it turns out. For the first time in a long while I find myself exactly in the position of the average fan who listens on the radio, reads the newspaper accounts, and wonders how in the world a group of men can sit peering at the very same event and come to opposite and stoutly defended conclusions.

Some ten years ago I watched Joe Louis make his first title defense, against Tommy Farr, sent along a story to the British Daily Worker speaking of the good game go of the Welsh coalminer, but explaining that he didn't have the fistic equipment to make it close, and came into the office the next morning to be overwhelmed by a barrage of "They really robbed that poor Farr, didn't they?" It seemed there were two different fights, the one I had seen, and the one they had heard.

"Farr comes in with a left and a right and a left and another right! Louis lands a left." That was on the radio. In the ring Louis at that juncture had stood almost bored, back to the ropes, and waited until the light-hitting Farr had expended a harmless little flurry of roundhouse taps against his gloves, arms and ribs. Then, with one blow, he almost decapitated the poor challenger.

Surprise! Surprise!

BEING ONE BANK account to the right of television ownership, and on a newly launched anti-beer diet, I took the Louis-Walcott fight over the radio. When the last round ended I was completely prepared to hear the announcement that Joe Walcott was the winner and new world champion.

Then I went to the Trans-Lux theater on Broadway and caught the fight films. The house was packed and a special sign on the box-office window announced, "No passes accepted this week."

After viewing the films I could see where it was possible for two sports writers to have two completely different and honest opinions on the winner. It's only decent to add that the radio broadcast by Don Dunphy wasn't as outlandishly bad as some have made it out to be. As a fair test, try watching the fight pictures while imagining yourself the announcer attempting to describe what you see. It's not the easiest job in the world and there's no time for even the little unexcited moment of perspective granted the most rashed sports writer as he starts working on his story after the fight. Surprise at seeing a great champion dumped by a 10-1 underdog must add to the quick description a dramatic overtone which can give the impression of a near knockout.

This was no Louis-Farr affair. This was close. There was no booing at the Yankee Stadium after the Farr fight and not a single writer thought that Farr had come 10 miles of winning. At the Garden many eye-witnesses stood up and clearly indicated their displeasure with the decision. Inasmuch as the odds and general forecast of the fight were such as to preclude betting on the outcome, it can be assumed that the boozers were not all disappointed short-end gamblers. And sports scribes of some stature are ranged on opposite sides.

Self Criticism

ALSO, WATCHING LOUIS start disgustedly through the ring ropes before the decision was even announced, it was my clear feeling that the champ thought he had lost. But, of course, Joe wasn't keeping score.

From the practically complete filming of the fight I would tend to agree with those who gave Louis the edge in number of rounds won. And that's the way fights are traditionally scored and decided.

It all depends on how much importance you give to knockdowns. Generally the man who scores the only knockdown of a round wins that round. My own feeling is that scoring by rounds won can be too rigid, and that evenly splitting a round won by a forward step and light left jab against one gained by a flooring punch is unfair to the knockerdowner.

So if you want to consider knockdowns worth more than judges Marty Monroe and Frank Forbes essayed them, you might conceivably arrive at . . .

But here, here! I'm just a sports fan who didn't see the fight . . . where is this thing taking me?

Winter Sports Boom in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Soviet Union's long winter sports season during which hundreds of thousands of children, youths and adults participate in organized and unorganized skiing and skating has started with the freeze spreading progressively down over most of European Russia.

Much of the Soviet skating is done on rivers, lakes and other natural bodies of water but every major city and nearly every town has its rink where the freezing is controlled as much as possible and the ice is scraped for smoother skating.

WILL THEY USE THIS STORY?
This story comes to us over the United Press wire. Every paper in New York City received it. In view of the speed with which the other papers jumped on the phony report of a "panic" in the Soviet Union, we think it should be interesting to note how many papers print this factual United Press account of bustling winter sports life in the same country. We will check the other papers and let you know tomorrow.

These usually are flood-lighted for late afternoon and night sessions. A large wood fire crackles at either end of each rink and so-called "buffets" serve hot drinks and sandwiches from small kiosks.

A lot of the city skating in

N. Y. POST vs. N. Y. YANKEES

There seems to be a little difference of opinion between the New York Yankees and the New York Post. The newspaper printed a headline Monday stating definitely that the Yanks had acquired pitcher Early Wynn from Washington. Yesterday they stubbornly repeated with "Yankees Traded 4 for Wynn." The Yankee office which had never announced a thing, then casually said that it had not obtained Wynn and was not even thinking of negotiating for him.

Moguls Bewail Berardino Deal

The St. Louis Browns created the first stir at the opening session of the annual major leagues winter meeting here by trading baseman Johnny Berardino to the Cleveland Indians yesterday for outfielder George Metkovich and an estimated \$50,000 cash in a deal which caused a swelling storm of under-cover "pampering" protest against the Browns.

Berardino recently was sent by the Browns to Washington for second baseman Gerry Priddy but announced he was quitting baseball for the movies and Commissioner A. B. Chandler voided the deal.

The Browns, some baseball men charged, must have placated Berardino to make him change his mind and agree to return to the game. Some even asserted he had dictated his transfer to Cleveland because this time the Browns were able to guarantee that he would play.

"St. Louis didn't guarantee that he would play—but they would have," said Indian President Bill Veeck. "Since then he has been contacted and definitely will report."

Grumbling owners, none of whom would be quoted, moaned that this was setting a bad precedent for future owner-player relations, par-

Dixie Still Has Playing in Blood

After 20 years of baseball, Fred (Dixie) Walker still wasn't ready for the bench so the "people's choice" left his beloved Flatbush and—as so often before—set out to make good in a new setting.

Dixie has been around a long while and financially might have been better off to accept management of the Dodger's St. Paul farm team. But the balding blond with the twinkling eyes and the friendly drawl has baseball in his blood, playing baseball.

Maybe it's because he had such a rough time getting established as a major league star that he feels he still has a couple of years left.

There was, for instance, the palmy days of 1931 when he was up with the Yankees and Joe McCarthy watched him speeding across the outfield grass and smilingly remarked:

"I think we have the guy."

By finding "the guy" McCarthy meant the man who was to fill the shoes of the great Babe Ruth, the fading Bambino whose wonderful years rapidly were drawing to a close.

But everything bad seemed to happen to Dixie—a broken leg, fractured collarbone, a torn shoulder ligament which prevented him from throwing and a left knee which wouldn't stay in its socket.

The Yanks kept shuttling him to the minors and early in 1936 McCarthy took him aside and said:

"Dixie, I'm sorry we have to let you go."

Walker felt that it meant the arm and shoulder never would come back. So when he was released to the White Sox he underwent operations which mended those ills. But Chicago wasn't his niche, either, and in 1938 he was traded to Detroit. Still he didn't get going and finally, in July, 1939, the Dodgers picked him up on waivers.

Since then, for eight and a half years, Dixie has been a big man in Flatbush for an organization which relies almost entirely on youth. There he won his one batting title, hitting .367 in 1944, and was a key man in two Dodger pennant drives.

Walker could have stayed in the organization. But even though he loves its style, atmosphere and its people he still feels there is some major league baseball left in those bones.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9 (UP)—Leo Durocher, re-installed as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, said today he wasn't needed at this week's major league meetings in

New York.

Durocher said the six-player deal with Pittsburgh pleased him because he got shortstop Billy Cox,

"A great all-around infielder who can really fly."

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NO HOPP?

Brooklyn's attempt to obtain outfielder first-baseman Johnny Hopp from the Pirates reportedly was abandoned when Pittsburgh demanded either shortstop Pee-wee Reese or outfielders Carl Furillo and Dick Whitman in return.

Ticularly in view of the fact that Berardino was one of the leaders among members of the players' council.

"When players begin dictating to owners it's a risky business," one owner said.

Meanwhile, the Browns, who have been making a bale of money on player sales, added a bit more to the pile. Since the Berardino-Priddy deal was cancelled, they bought Priddy from the Senators for \$25,000. So over the original deal they make \$10,000 and pick up an additional player.

Hello Girls Can Scream

The Park Arena of the Bronx has invited five hundred telephone operators to attend tomorrow (Thursday) night's wrestling matches as a means of checking audience reaction to television. Reaction to the televising of matches to date has not been too good.

Classified Ads

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WILL THEY DO THIS WELL AGAINST MICHIGAN?



JACK KIRBY of USC is squirming over the goal line with Johnny Lujack hanging on his back as the Trojans rack up their lone score in Saturday's 38-7 beating. Best on the Coast, USC meets mighty Michigan in the Rose Bowl game New Years Day and Fritz Crisler's lads are liable to use them to prove their superiority over Notre Dame.

Scorer Says...

Another World Series

NEW YORK CITY will enjoy its second World Series of the fall season on Dec. 14 when the Yankees meet the Cleveland Browns for the AAC pro football championship. And the grid game promises to be as thrilling as any of the recent baseball spasms between the diamond Dodgers and their Bronx rivals. For these are, without doubt, the best football teams in the nation today. Perhaps the sentiment which makes a college game

Bill Mardo will be back "In This Corner" tomorrow.

throb with passionate pleas for dear old Woonsocket to lick equally dear old Gibberish Tech is absent on the professional field. But not the artistry.

That 28-28 tie on Nov. 23 was really a dream game. Unlike so many similar battles between the one-time starry Giants and their opponents of the National League, it was played to the hilt, cleanly and with skill. No one who saw it will forget Otto Graham's herculean hurling, Marion Motley's masterly catapults through the line, the ball snatching of Mac Speedie. Or, on the Yankee side, the glittering open field running of Spec Sanders or Buddy Young's mosquito-like forays through the huge Cleveland squad.

All that and more will be again on display on Dec. 14. In addition, fans will be witnessing an epic event—two teams which draw no color line as they war for victory. Try as you will you can find no shred of discrimination or prejudice on the field or in the dressing rooms as Young, Motley, Bill Willis, Horace Gilliom and other Negroes play side by side with their white team-mates.

Indeed, the AAC has erased the color line completely on its side of the pro grid fence, just as the coming of Jackie Robinson, Dan Bankhead, Doby, Brown and other Negroes to the big leagues has started the same process on the diamond.

Only the consciously bigoted coach would reject the aid of such spectacular players as Young or Motley. Paul Brown scouted, recruited and used many Negroes when he coached Ohio State and at Cleveland he has assembled a team which hails mainly from the same schools of the Midwest Conference he used to meet at Columbus.

Ray Flaherty, elder, with roots in the National League, never used Negroes during his long tenure with the Washington Redskins. But his handling of the Yankees and his interest in Buddy Young ranks him as a man who knows on which side his bread is buttered.

The versatile Young, with so much additional potential in his tiny body, has been carefully coached by the Yankee masterminds. When Flaherty saw him on the field during practice this fall, he saw Buddy was kicking while waiting for the scrimmage to begin.

"How far can you kick?" Ray asked.

"Oh, about 50 to 60 yards, I guess. I never did kick much at Illinois," replied Buddy.

"Well, you can get out on the field with me for a few days and we'll see if you can't make 70 yards."

Within a few days Buddy was kicking an average of 65 yards in practice.

Flaherty also decided to teach Buddy a few line-smashing tricks, lessons which were so successful that the little fellow literally drove the Yanks to a 14-0 lead all alone last Sunday against the Buffalo Bills.

As a result, Buddy will be a triple-threat back next season instead of an artful sprinter and courageous blocker, as he was when he began his Yankee career last August.

'Split Decision'
Pellone vs. Ike

Speaking of split decisions, as everyone in boxing is doing these days, the No. 1 split-decision man of the ring appears in the main event at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. He is Tony Pellone, crack Greenwich Village welterweight.

Pellone, who has a habit of making every fight close-win or lose-faces Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, in a scheduled ten-rounder. Williams' crown is not at stake since Pellone will come in ten pounds over the lightweight limit.

Novak Cops Soviet Light-Heavy Title

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (UPI)—Grigori Novak, Russia's outstanding weight-lifter, hoisted an iron weight 412.5 kilograms (907.5 foot-pounds) today to win the Soviet all-union semi-heavyweight championship.

Novak's feat was 27 kilograms better than the winning lift of John Terpak of York, Pa., in the world weight-lifting championships at Philadelphia earlier this year. A Bozhko also exceeded Terpak's lift with a hoist of 400 kilograms (880 foot-pounds).

In winning the all-union title Novak also had a better mark than C Kutsenko, Russian heavyweight lifter, whose best lift was 407.5 kilograms (896.5 foot-pounds).

READERS -- HOW ABOUT GRAZIANO?

By Bill Mardo

This is YOUR chance to be polled on the Rocky Graziano case. Should the world's middleweight champ be permitted to resume boxing or should he be barred from the ring?

The National Boxing Association conducted a nationwide poll among boxing figures, sportswriters, army veterans, business men, and professionals and plain fans shortly after news broke on Graziano's dishonorable discharge upon completion of an AWOL sentence at Fort Leavenworth.

Results of the NBA poll revealed 40 percent in favor of Graziano's return to the ring, and 33.8 against. According to NBA president Abe Greene, "the poll among the veterans of long service in the regular enlistment showed 80 percent for Graziano, 20 percent against him." The nation's sports writers polled came out for Graziano by a solid 98 percent.

The NBA survey was independent of Graziano's banishment from the New York ring by Commissioner Eddie Eagan after the fighter was allegedly involved in a bribe attempt for a fight which was never fought. But with the NBA's clearance of Graziano via the poll (each of the 47 states under NBA jurisdiction can now permit Graziano in their rings or not, it's purely an independent decision left to them.) But New York fans still can't see Graziano here due to the Eagan Commission verdict, inasmuch as New York's boxing administrative setup has nothing to do with the N.B.A.

This paper would like to find out how you, the fans in New York State, feel about Graziano. Would you favor Eagan's lifting the life suspension meted to Graziano (for the so-called bribe affair and in no way connected with the Army issue) or do you feel Rocky doesn't deserve to see action here? In your answers,



you can however, base your decisions upon both issues, the bribe and Army questions, and we'll gladly print all letters.

It's only fair to point out that Daily Worker Sports Editors Bill Mardo and Lester Rodney differ on the Graziano case. Mardo's opinion is Graziano was the pawn for politico-headline minded authorities here who've done nothing to really clean up boxing and prevent the underworld leeches from having easy access to the ring world, and that furthermore, no real evidence came out at the Graziano trial to prove him involved in the fix attempt. On the question of his Army record, Mardo didn't condone Graziano's desertion but insisted the fighter had paid the penalty for his breach of discipline and shouldn't be prevented from earning an income after serving his penalty.

Rodney concurred on the bribe aspects of the Graziano case, also feeling his banishment from the local ring was a raw and unfair sentence and in no way warranted with the lack of evidence so obvious at the Commissioner's hearing. Rodney, however, feels Graziano should be barred from the ring for his Army desertion and leaving his GI buddies to carry his load on the war fronts while Rocky fought and got paid for it in the prize ring.

Okay, now it's YOUR turn. Just send in your verdicts to the Daily Worker Sports Department, 35 East 12th Street, N. Y. C., and we'll print them as they come.

LSF Twinbill, Dance Sat. Nite

The first basketball double-header and dance sponsored by the Labor Sports Federation this season will be held Saturday night at Seward Park High School.

Twin hoop attraction pits Furriers Joint Board (Local 10) against the ACA (Local 16) in the first game at 7 p.m., while the feature match pairs the Furriers Joint Board All-Stars, winners of last year's tourney, against the UNNAVA five.

Dancing to the mellow tunes of Si Gilman's Orchestra follows the ballgames. Tickets sell for 85 cents and can be purchased at the door or at your union local headquarters.

Tandberg Here Jan. 9

Ollie Tandberg, Swedish heavyweight, signed yesterday to make his American debut at Madison Square Garden Jan. 9 against Joey Maxim of Cleveland. It will be a 10-round bout.

Gulfstream Results

FIRST—7 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400. Alison Peters (Ftherston) 3.60 2.80 2.40 Red Mars(Duff) 11.00 4.90 Overtake(Gifford) 3.80

Also ran—Ambranded, In the Wings, Tiger Express, Gay Tulip, Lord Hairan, Ben Gray, New Caledonia, Army Glider and Lantern. Time—1:26 2/5.

SECOND—7 furlongs; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; \$2400.

Astound(Duff) 100.70 40.60 11.60 Meneither(Martens) 13.40 5.40 Airly(Mafale) 3.00

Also ran—Springhillboy, Worries, Burman, Charles Bryce, Robert F., Col. Steve and Club Car. Time—1:27 1/5.

THIRD—7 furlongs; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; \$2500.

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Also ran—Sancharla, Miss Finale, Atomic Energy, Bob Servant, Spare A Dime, Bulmont, Together and Esco Blade. Time—1:25 1/5.

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7—St. Jock, Aralak, My Angela. 8—Caliper, Mr. Dodge, Currier.

UP SELECTIONS

1—Mel Indian, Offenbach, Gallant Hour. 2—Edemgee, Speeding Home, Legislator.

3—Athlete, Wee Cootie, Octotora. 4—Bullow, Hot and High, End of Strife.

5—Van Slam, Master Mind, Flying Louise. 6—Sublime, Mescara, Miss War.

7—St. Jock, Archer, My Angela. 8—Admiral's Call, Cross Bayou, Opening Bid.

Old Redhead at Same Stand in '48

Walter (Red) Barber and Connie Desmond will broadcast the Brooklyn Dodgers' 1948 baseball games, both at home and on the road, for the seventh successive season over radio station W.H.N. Herbert L. Petrey, director of the station, announced yesterday.

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750 Delegates in Capital Demand Rent, Price Action

By Max Gordon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—U.S. Housing Expediter Tighe Wood told representatives of the Emergency Rent and Housing Committee he favored the Celler Bill to extend rent controls to June 30, 1949. The Housing Expediter was one of several government and party officials and Congressmen seen today by a 750-strong emergency committee delegation who came here to press for price and rent controls, and for a housing program.

Wood said he was impressed particularly with the provision for restoration of federal powers to enforce rent control, contained in the bill.

The measure, introduced yesterday by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-Brooklyn) with the backing of the emergency committee and the Progressive Citizens of America, would eliminate the 15 percent "voluntary" increase provision in the present rent control law, expiring Feb. 29, 1948.

Another delegation of 150 members of the Congress of American Women also spoke to numerous officials on an extensive foreign aid program administered through the United Nations.

The 900-odd members of both delegations came from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Newark, Norfolk, Arlington (Va.), Youngstown, Cleveland, Warren (O), Greenwich (Conn.)

The CAW delegation was addressed by Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) who told them he had voted for the "bipartisan" \$597,000,000 "interim aid" program with "very grievous regrets" because of its "ideological basis."

"I think we will deeply regret the fact that we are by-passing UN," he said.

GOP chairman B. Carroll Reece tried to convince an emergency committee group that inflation was all the fault of the Truman Administration because it lifted price controls too early. Told that the committee was not interested in past responsibility but in present action, Reece said GOP leaders of Congress were conferring "to see what can be done."

Int'l Harvester Raises Prices

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 (UP).—International Harvester Co. announced price increases averaging 5 percent today.

Czechs Hang 2 Top Nazis

BRATISLAVIA, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 9 (UP).—Two top officials of the Nazi occupation of Slovakia were hanged today in the prison yard of the Bratislava District Court.

The men, sentenced by the National Court Dec. 3 for war crimes, were Hans Elard Ludin, former German Minister to Slovakia, and Gen. Hermann Hoeffle, former Commander of German forces in Slovakia.

Back Bildnersee on School Christmas

The Brooklyn division of the American Jewish Congress yesterday stated that it was in "full accord" with the memorandum of Assistant Superintendent Isaac Bildner directing school principals to avoid religious expressions during the Christmas holidays, on the ground that it was not in accord with "the American tradition of avoiding the imposition of religious beliefs of one group upon another."

Eisler to Speak On Future of Germany

Gerhart Eisler, German anti-fascist who was cited for contempt by the Un-American Committee, will be guest speaker at the forum and social of the Jefferson School Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8:30. The topic of the evening is the "Future of Germany," the chairman, Benjamin Pascoff, admission 50¢ and dancing will follow.

Ask Repeal Of Witchcraft Act

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The House of Commons was asked today to repeal the Witchcraft Act of 1735, providing punishment for persons pretending to powers of witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment or conjuration.



DR. RAYMOND BOYER, who is appealing his conviction in Montreal on a charge of having conspired to give secrets about an explosive to the Soviet Union during the war. He was released on \$25,000 bail.

Hearing Waived In Symonette Case

Hearing of a numbers charge against Samuel T. Symonette was waived yesterday in Gamblers Court and sent to Special Sessions for trial at an undetermined date. The charge was made against Symonette a Harlem candy store owner, when four detectives beat him on Oct. 18.

Harlem Price Body

The Harlem Committee for Price Control will outline a three-point program against inflation tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the Salem A. M. E. Church, 129 Street and Seventh Avenue.

Speakers include the Reverend Charles Y. Trigg of the Salem church; Ester Letz, organizer of Local 65, UWRDSW, CIO, and the Rev. Ben Richardson.



In II Duce's Steps: Italian police, armed with Tommy guns and truncheons, attack a demonstration in Rome's Piazza Senni by 500 unemployed workers.

BROADWAY BEAT

By BARNARD RUBIN

THE most intensive campaign to control expression on the nation's screen has been started by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Last Sunday in every Catholic church in the country attendees at services were asked to stand and renew the Legion of Decency pledge to boycott films considered objectionable by the Legion.

Particular emphasis was placed on that portion of the pledge by which some 30 million Catholics vowed to shun theatres which show these pictures.

The producers, when they had their recent meeting in New York, discussed the Legion's arrogant attitude, but not for publication. The producers, the bankers and Eric Johnston did nothing to protect the screen from dictatorship—all they did was to suspend those film workers responsible for much of what little Hollywood can be proud of. . . .

TOWN TALK

This column ran items last season and they were borne out, and now it's true again this season—about the night clubs. They've been taking a terrific beating again—some receipts have been the lowest since 1939. Liquor companies have been sending out notices to MOST of the spots that their credit has been withdrawn. Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays are so bad that most places have cancelled their late shows. Many have cancelled all the late shows. Entertainers are being laid off. It is expected that a lot of the clubs, holding out only to get their hand on the holiday business cash, will fold shortly after. . . .

Alfred Drake will star in a production of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" next season. Original music will be composed by Aaron Copland or David Diamond, and John Gassner is producing. . . .

Noel Coward, with partner F. Del Giudice, producing their first movie based on Coward's play, *Peace In Our Time*. Outfit is titled *Pilgrim Players*. . . .

Danny Kaye and Mickey Rooney both will do four-week engagements in London after the New Year. . . .

The Louis-Walcott fight films have 8,000 bookings to date. . . .

A Phil Silvers television show being negotiated by the American Tobacco Company. . . .

Ilka Chase working on a new play. She'll produce and star in it herself. . . .

When Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe reopens, it will feature a 37-piece symphony type orchestra for dancing and floor show. . . .

Now they'll make a movie on the life of Walter Johnson, the famous baseball pitcher. . . .

Hear that Henry Morgan is about to sign with a new commercial sponsor. . . .

The Columbia Broadcasting System dickering with the Experimental Theatre about televising Galileo. . . .

Jimmy Dorsey breaking up his band. . . .

After the Barnum & Bailey circus played Jacksonville, Florida, the Jacksonville Journal, while investigating old laws, discovered that the circus' appearance there had been illegal. An old law was still on the books prohibiting circuses and similar shows from exhibiting between Nov. 10 and Nov. 30 of any year. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

Want ad in the Duluth Tribune: "For sale—love seat that opens up into a single bed." . . .

Probably the best known series of typographical errors occurred during the Al Capone days in Chicago. One of that town's leading newspapers reported that "The departing Mr. Warren was a member of the defective branch of the police force."

The police department heads there at the time were understandably quite sensitive about their press notices. In response to the outraged demands of the Police Commissioner, the newspaper, the next day, ran the following apology boxed off in a very conspicuous spot:

"By an unfortunate typographical error, we were made to say yesterday that the departing Mr. Warren was a member of the defective branch of the police force. Our apologies. Of course, this should have read: 'the detective branch of the police force.'"

RUSSIAN CHARGES U.S. HAS 'SOME CASES' OF SLAVERY

GENEVA, Dec. 9 (UP).—The White Russian delegate to the second session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights charged today that slavery existed "in some cases" in the United States.

The accusation drew an immediate denial by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman of the commission. She said that while civil rights were

Farley Wants Truman Reelected

James A. Farley, former Democratic national chairman, yesterday disclosed he will support President Truman for reelection in 1948.

Farley's return to the political scene was linked by observers with his ambition to capture the nomination for the vice-Presidency.

Oak Ridge Union Parley Resumed

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 9 (UP).—Union and company negotiators resumed their talks today on three disputed issues in a uranium separation workers contract but a threatened strike in the atomic energy program was postponed indefinitely.